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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, December 19, 2022, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2022

The House met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. EVANS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 16, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DWIGHT EVANS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy One, our Redeemer, God of the whole Earth, have compassion on us. Grant that those who are barren in mind, body, and spirit, would find reason this season to rejoice in the bounty of Your favor. May those who are desolate of purpose, meaning, or hope burst into shouts of joy at the revealing of Your grace.

Lord, You are our dwelling place. Enlarge the doors of Your kingdom. Open wide the arms of Your tender loving care. Take into Your keeping all who are desperate and in need, those who are ashamed and disgraced, those who are afraid and dismayed, that they would be restored into the embrace of Your everlasting arms.

For You have called us, the forsaken and the aggrieved, the cast-off and the

abandoned, that we would all find solace in Your compassion.

Establish us in Your righteousness and deliver us from terror. Erase our fear and cause us to stand ever-firm on the foundation of Your steadfast love.

In Your kind and merciful name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 16, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 16, 2022, at 8:20 a.m.

That the Senate agrees to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 1437.

That the Senate agrees to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 7776.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 121.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 123.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Deputy Clerk.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Kevin F. McCumber, Deputy Clerk of the House, reported and found truly an enrolled bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. McGovern, on Friday, December 16, 2022:

H.R. 1437. An act making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 1 of House Resolution

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1230, the House stands adjourned until noon, Tuesday, December 20, 2022.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 33 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at noon.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. PALLONE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. House Resolution 1476. Resolution of inquiry requesting the president to provide to the House of Representatives certain documents or records relating to coordination between social media companies and the Biden administration on information, censorship, and censorship meetings in order to suppress or deplatform persons or information and administration views as misinformation, disinformation, and malinformation on COVID-19, Hunter Biden, and elections, and certain documents or records relating to plans to provide grant funding to consortiums, including the Democratic National Committee, in the United States, adversely (Rept. 117-648). Referred to the House Calendar.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Ways and Means discharged from further consideration. H.R. 604 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged from further consideration. H.R. 4374 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. JACOBS of New York:

H.R. 9607. A bill to prohibit States, local governments, or State regulatory authorities from prohibiting a natural gas consumer from connecting or reconnecting to a gas utility for natural gas service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. JACOBS of New York (for himself and Mrs. PELTOLA):

H.R. 9608. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to make certain activities for the removal of plastic waste and post-consumer materials from wastewater eligible for assistance under the State water pollution control revolving funds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York (for herself and Ms. PRESSLEY):

H.R. 9609. A bill to amend section 1124 of title 31, United States Code, to establish an Agency Equity Advisory Team, to amend

sections 3520 and 3520A of title 44, United States Code, to ensure the use of equity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York (for herself and Ms. PRESSLEY):

H.R. 9610. A bill to amend section 306 of title 5, United States Code, and sections 1115 and 1120 of title 31, United States Code, to improve the equitable provision of services to underserved communities and individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia:

H.R. 9611. A bill to delay the implementation of the modifications of exceptions for reporting of third party network transactions; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MOORE of Utah (for himself and Mr. SMUCKER):

H.R. 9612. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to report to Congress regarding audit rates of taxpayers claiming the adoption tax credit and regarding the audit practices for refundable and nonrefundable personal tax credits; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. SPANBERGER (for herself and Mr. MOORE of Utah):

H.R. 9613. A bill to change the treatment of certain Federal programs with respect to susceptibility to significant improper payments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Ms. TLAIB (for herself, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, and Ms. NEWMAN):

H. Res. 1528. A resolution recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to protect the rights of restaurant workers; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, the Judiciary, Financial Services, Energy and Commerce, Agriculture, Oversight and Reform, Armed Services, Veterans' Affairs, Natural Resources, Foreign Affairs, and House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. JACOBS of New York:

H.R. 9607.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8.

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By Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia:

H.R. 9611.

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Article 1, Section 8.

By Mr. MOORE of Utah:

H.R. 9612.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution:

The Congress shall have Power to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution:

The Congress shall have Power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.

By Ms. SPANBERGER:

H.R. 9613.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Constitution, Article 1, Section 8

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 2252: Mr. PALMER.

H.R. 3402: Ms. LEE of California and Mr. LANGEVIN.

H.R. 3772: Ms. BONAMICI.

H.R. 4146: Mr. GOMEZ and Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois.

H.R. 6251: Mr. DESAULNIER and Mr. KHANNA.

H.R. 7993: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.

H.R. 9449: Mr. ROSE, Mr. MOONEY, and Mr. KILMER.

H.R. 9555: Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER.

H.R. 9581: Mr. PALAZZO.

DISCHARGE PETITIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XV, the following discharge petition was filed:

Petition 18, December 15, 2022, by Mr. MOONEY on the bill (H.R. 69), was signed by the following Members: Mr. Mooney, Mr. Calvert, Mrs. Steel, Mr. Owens, Mr. Gimenez, Mr. Katko, Mr. Meuser, Mr. Posey, Mr. LaMalfa.

DISCHARGE PETITIONS—ADDITIONS AND WITHDRAWALS

The following Member added his name to the following discharge petition:

Petition 12 by Mr. GOSAR on House Joint Resolution 46: Mr. Guest.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REMEMBERING ROBERT SIMKO

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2022

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my longtime constituent Robert Simko, a true renaissance man and a beloved member of the Lower Manhattan community.

Mr. Simko, co-founder of Lower Manhattan's long-running local news outlet *The Broadsheet*, passed away on November 10, 2022 at the age of 68 after a years-long battle with a cancer that has been linked to exposure to toxic dust that hung over Manhattan in the aftermath of the September 11th attacks.

An accomplished photographer, publisher, musician, mechanic and watchmaker, Mr. Simko was an admired figure in the Battery Park City Community and a beloved husband, father, brother and uncle.

Born in 1954 in Bayonne, New Jersey, to John, a bus driver, and Florence, a nurse, Robert was the middle child of 5 siblings. He took up the accordion at a young age and later the piano.

In college, he developed 2 other passions that lasted the rest of his life—photography and working on cars. After transferring from Rutgers University to the Rhode Island School of Design, he studied photography under Aaron Siskind and other leading photographers.

Following his graduation, Mr. Simko moved to New York City, settling 1st in Tribeca and then in Battery Park City at the brand-new Gateway Plaza, when it was surrounded by empty fields and Brookfield Place was under construction.

Mr. Simko started working in New York as an assistant to photographers Arnold Newman and Burt Glinn, cataloging and printing their portraits of world leaders and celebrities.

In the 1980s, Mr. Simko was recruited by Clay Felker to work as a photographer at *Adweek* magazine, where he began both his career in journalism and a lifelong partnership with a reporter named Alison.

He and Alison married in 1987. Their daughter Lucy was born in 1989 and their son Theo was born in 1997. That same year, Mr. and Mrs. Simko launched *The Broadsheet*, initially titled *The Battery Park City Broadsheet*. Since 1997, the *Broadsheet* has continued to cover Lower Manhattan in print, on its website, and as the 5-day-a-week *Broadsheet Daily*.

A success from its 1st issue, the *Broadsheet* quickly became a fixture of the community and build a voice for the budding neighborhood. Mr. Simko's commitment to his beloved neighborhood and Lower Manhattan was legible in every edition.

When the terrorist attacks on September 11th shook the world, our city, and his neighborhood, Mr. Simko stayed until late afternoon to capture the second plane's fireball, the burning towers, and the ash-covered neighbor-

hood following the towers' collapse. He, his wife Alison, and his team felt a sense of mission to quickly resume publication and write about conditions in the aftermath and the future of the community.

When delivery workers were unable to enter Battery Park City, Mr. and Mrs. Simko personally delivered the *Broadsheet* to neighborhood lobbies. Residents cried when they saw the 1st issue after September 11th and, to this day, remember the *Broadsheet* as confirmation that the neighborhood would be okay.

Tragically, Mr. Simko's cancer was linked to his exposure to environmental toxins during and after the attacks. The toll of the toxins and the subsequent illnesses they wrought to not only those who worked on the pile but also residents in my district like Mr. Simko who returned to their homes, cleaned up and revitalized this neighborhood laid bare the need for the Federal Government to provide survivors with quality health care and financial support. I was proud that after over a decade of fighting we passed the James Zadruga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010 and its reauthorization in 2015, and we created and fully funded the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund for survivors and responders.

Mr. Simko is survived by his wife Alison, and their children Lucy and Theo, who continue to further his legacy through their continued dedication to the community, its culture and the *Broadsheet*.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Robert Simko and his significant contributions to Lower Manhattan. Even in our darkest days, Mr. Simko was a beacon of light, who captured countless moments and helped weave our community together. He touched the lives of thousands of his readers and neighbors, and his legacy will be felt for years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN H. MOON SR.

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2022

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my friend and longtime community leader, John Moon Sr. of Pasadena, Texas, who passed away on December 7, 2022.

John was born on August 19, 1937, in Van Buren, Arkansas, to Benjamin and Alma Moon. He married the love of his life, Rose A. Moon, on August 16, 1958. They had two sons: John Moon Jr. and Randall Moon.

John became a Certified Public Accountant at the age of 21, one of the youngest in Texas history. He was soon hired by Texas Eastern Transmission and relocated his family to Houston. Several years later, he accepted an opportunity at the Houston Research Center and eventually became a bank owner.

In 1970, John was invited to join the Rotary Club of Pasadena. Since that time, he has

never missed a meeting. John was the epitome of a Rotarian, serving the community with leadership and compassion.

In 1973, John was named "Outstanding Young Man of the Year" by the Pasadena Junior Chamber of Commerce. Nearly 20 years later, he was named the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce's "Citizen of the Year" and was eventually inducted into the Pasadena Hall of Fame. John's devotion to his community was truly remarkable. Over the years, he held positions on the Harris County Industrial Commission, Sam Houston Parkway Transportation Corp., San Jacinto River Authority, and Harris County Economic Development Council.

John's civic and philanthropic work for Pasadena and Harris Counties remains unmatched. He exemplified the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self."

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to honor my friend, John Moon Sr. I know this is something he would have cherished. My most sincere prayers are being sent to his family and friends during this difficult time.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR ANTHONY S. FAUCI, M.D.

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2022

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of Dr. Anthony Fauci who is retiring from public service after dedicating nearly six decades to improving the health and wellbeing of the American people and saving countless lives.

As former President Barack Obama declared, Dr. Fauci is "a once-in-a-century public health leader." As Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases since 1984, Dr. Fauci has managed and overseen an extensive multibillion dollar research portfolio on HIV/AIDS, respiratory infections, tuberculosis, malaria, Ebola, Zika, and Covid-19. He has advised seven Presidents and is respected and admired globally, especially for his work as one of the principal architects of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR).

As the author of more than 1,400 scientific publications and as the 44th most-cited living researcher, he has made seminal contributions to the study of HIV, rheumatology, and immunoregulation. He is the recipient of prestigious awards, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the National Medal of Science, the George M. Kober Medal of the Association of American Physicians, and the Mary Woodard Lasker Award for Public Service. He also has received 58 honorary doctoral degrees from universities in the United States and abroad. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Medicine, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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Beyond his scientific genius, Dr. Fauci has served our Nation with compassion and bravery. During the 1980s and 1990s, he personally cared for HIV-infected patients and for the first time, brought patient voices into the drug development process. In 2014, Dr. Fauci helped treat and notably hugged a nurse who had recovered from the Ebola virus, and he has treated Covid-19 patients on a near-daily basis. As Dr. Fauci has carried on with his noble work on Covid-19, he has been subjected to personal attacks and death threats that have required security protection for himself and his family, but he has retained his unswerving commitment to the wellbeing of the American people.

I have served on the Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee for 28 years, with jurisdiction over the National Institutes of Health. From that position, I have benefited from Dr. Fauci's trusted testimony and expertise. His steady hand and scientific integrity have guided Congress for decades and his advice will be deeply missed. My work has been consistently shaped by Dr. Fauci's advice and it's been the privilege of a lifetime to serve with

one of the greatest public servants of our country.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House to join me in thanking Dr. Anthony Fauci for his extraordinary service and in wishing him every blessing in the next chapter of his life. He is a good and great man and we are a stronger, healthier nation because of him and his work.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF ERIK
PETERSON

HON. MICHELLE STEEL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2022

Mrs. STEEL. Madam Speaker, today I honor the career and service of one of my constituents. Erik Peterson has honorably served the people of Orange County, the State of California, and the United States of America for years.

A veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Erik was first elected to the Huntington

Beach City Council in 2014. He was reelected to the Council in 2018, and then served as the Mayor of Huntington Beach 2019 and 2020. As a Council Member, Erik served as the Director of both the Orange County Sanitation District and the Southern California Association of Governments.

Erik isn't just a dedicated public servant, but he is also a job creator. In 1999 he founded Intec Network Solutions, an electrical contracting company that specializes in keeping communities across California safe with commercial fire alarms and security.

He and his wife, Brandi, call Huntington Beach home and have raised their two sons there, actively participating in and contributing to their community.

People like Erik are at the heart of successful communities, and he has made Huntington Beach a better place with his service in both business and government. On behalf of all Orange County residents, I congratulate him on a job well-done and thank him for his years of commitment to Huntington Beach.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m. on Monday, December 19, 2022.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 9607–9613; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 1528, were introduced. **Page H9906**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H9906**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1476, of inquiry requesting the President to provide to the House of Representatives certain documents or records relating to coordination between social media companies and the Biden administration on information, censorship, and censorship meetings in order to suppress or deplatform persons or information the administration views as misinformation, disinformation, and malinformation on COVID–19, Hunter Biden, and elections, and certain documents or records relating to plans to provide grant funding to consortiums, including the Democratic National Committee, in the United States, adversely (H. Rept. 117–648). **Page H9906**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Evans to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9905**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H9905.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea and nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the U.S. Capitol Police, 3:30 p.m., SR–301.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, December 19

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Tuesday, December 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Martin J. Gruenberg, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Senators should expect a 5:30 p.m. roll call vote on confirmation of the nomination of Martin J. Gruenberg or in relation to the Omnibus Appropriations bill.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 12 p.m.

Extensions of remarks, as inserted in this issue

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